GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2114
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of the Command Area Development Programme;

(b) the extent to which these objectives have been realised since the inception of the programme;

(c) whether any shortcomings have been noticed in the implementation of the said programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2114TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.3.2001 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

(a) to (d) The Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme was launched in the countrywith the objective of improving utiliation of already created irrigation potential and to optimise the agricultural production from irrigated lands. This was envisaged through development of infrastructure at the micro level and by adopting innovative management techniques. Evaluation studies conducted in the past indicated that there have been improvements in better utilisation of irrigation potential created, increase in agricultural production and productivity, better and equitable distribution of irrigation water among farmers in many projects. However, in the past, a few shortcoming have also been noticed which include unreliability of availability of water at the government outlet, problem of water logging, lack of farmers involvement in irrigation management and inadequate monitoring. To overcome these problems, certain steps have been taken which include addition of a new component "Reclamation of waterlogged areas in the irrigated commands" under the programme and provision of one time functional grant to registered and functional Water User's Association since 01-04-1996 and intensification of monitoring.